FISCAL NOTE

SB 91 - HB 831

February 13, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires Tennessee History to be included in the curriculum for seventh grade students enrolled in public schools effective for the 2001-2002 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Presently, Tennessee history content is required by the State Board of Education; however, local education agencies have the option of including Tennessee history anytime during the 6-8 grade cluster. Since many school systems already include this subject at the seventh grade level, it is assumed that any cost to transfer Tennessee history from a sixth or eighth grade curriculum and put it into a seventh grade curriculum will be not significant.

The impact on the LEAs will depend on when and how Tennessee history is currently being taught, the size of the LEA and whether additional textbooks will be required to be purchased. Since the endorsement for social studies and K-8 presently requires a teacher to be able to cover Tennessee history, no additional teacher training should be required.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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